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Title: Process for Discharging and Transferring Fluidized Particles

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 (Paper No. 05132004). This response is being timely submitted by September 30, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: